

MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Amended Claims

1. (Twice Amended) A soil compaction device comprising:
 - a soil contact plate;
 - an oscillator that acts on the soil contact plate, has at least two eccentric masses that rotate in opposite directions whose phase relationship can be adjusted relative to one another by means of a positioning unit in order to control the direction of soil compaction device travel and to steer the soil compaction device; and
 - at least one manually engageable moving operator element configured to control the positioning unit:

wherein a sensor unit is provided to determine the position of the operator element and to produce a signal to control the positioning unit so as to control the direction of soil compaction device travel and steer the soil compaction device in response to manipulation of the operator element.